

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 179
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A RESOLUTION to honor and applaud Kevin Willis and the
championship Sullivan North High School
Unified Sports Basketball Team.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and
commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring
honor to their respective communities and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan North High School Unified Sports Basketball program is
renowned as a bastion of extraordinary athletic facility and exemplary sportsmanship in the
realm of Unified Sports and Special Olympics competition in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan North High School Unified Sports Basketball Team achieved an
extraordinary level of success during the 2003 season, earning the right to represent Area 32 in
Tennessee Special Olympics competition and winning their division at the Unified Sports
Basketball State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, each member of this outstanding team displayed highly commendable sportsmanship, and the Peer Partners were repeatedly complimented by tournament staff for their particularly unselfish play; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan North Unified Sports Basketball Team includes Damon Boggs, Derek Boggs, Chris Jarrett, Tim Sumner, Mike Bear, Brian McGaha and Kevin Willis, each of whom contributed significantly to the team's success; and

WHEREAS, Coaches Greg Bass and Peggy Sue Plum laid the groundwork for this remarkable season by sharing with the young men on the team their substantial knowledge of basketball and the spirit of Unified Sports, their many years of coaching and athletic experience, and their passion both for the sport and for excellence in every endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the Unified Sports Basketball players at Sullivan North High School epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the court; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic and talent of this group of young people not only made possible a championship basketball season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future enterprise; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Kevin Willis and the Sullivan North High School Unified Sports Basketball Team on their Championship and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Kevin Willis of the Sullivan North High School Unified Sports Basketball Team on his remarkable performance in the state tournament, applaud his perseverance and dedication, and wish him the best in his every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.